

# BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

*You have a place here!*

*"Joyfully we profess our faith through God's unconditional love.  
Here and now God dwells in all of our lives,  
bears our sins on the cross, and forgives us all."*

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## 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, October 5, 2025

*Pastor David Johnson*



### TODAY'S REFLECTION

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

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*All baptized and confessing believers are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

# THE GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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*We hope that your worship experience is spiritually fulfilling  
and your day begins with our Lord's gifts of peace and joy*

## ▼ **Prelude Reflections for Meditation**

## ▼ **Welcome Greeting—Prayers and Praises**

### ▲ **Opening Hymn**

*"You Are My All In All", page 9*

### ▲ **Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for Reflection*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

## ▲ Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God,

**When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song*

### ▼ God's Word from the Scriptures (NRSV)

*The First Reading is from Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4*

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ▼ God's Word from the Psalms (NRSV)

*Psalms 146*

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

**Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;**

**do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

### ▼ God's Word from the Scriptures (NRSV)

*The Second Reading is from 2 Timothy 1:1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and

Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

▲ **God's Word from the Gospel (NRSV)**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke 17:5-10*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ **Sermon—God's Word Applied to Life**

▼ **Hymn of the Day**

*"In Christ Alone", page 10*

▲ **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ▲ **Prayers of the Church**

For the Church, the world, and all people, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*A brief silence*

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for planting the mustard-seed of faith in us! Please water it with your Holy Spirit. Make its roots delve deep into your holy Word and Sacraments. Cause that seed to blossom and come to fruition, nourishing a hungry world with your son's forgiveness and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask your protection, guidance and blessing upon your Church. Make it steadfast in faith, courageous in witness, truthful in teaching and preaching, and gracious in service. Use it to lead many souls to Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill this congregation with your Holy Spirit. Let us never seem ashamed of Christ, but instead share his holy and forgiving love with everyone we encounter. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give all missionaries strength to do their Master's work faithfully and well until he comes in glory. Shield and strengthen our sisters and brothers who are persecuted on account of Jesus. Give them grace and courage to stand at their watch-post and to speak and live your Word boldly and truly. Let their tormentors repent of their evil ways and turn to you, the Lord of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that the leaders of all nations, especially our own, acknowledge you as their Lord and Master. Let them faithfully and diligently do the work entrusted to them, knowing they must give to you an account of their actions. Help them to strive for justice tempered with mercy, and for peace wedded to righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant the watchman's courage and faithfulness to all who protect and defend life from evil and violence. Especially we pray for our military, and all first responders. Prosper all they do that accomplishes your purposes. Be their mighty fortress when they are in peril. Reunite them safely with their loved ones. May we honor their service and benefit from their skills. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the rock and salvation, the hope and eternal possession of all who cry out to you in time of trouble. *Today we especially pray for the needs of those we name before you now (either in silence or out loud).* Heal them of wounds to body, mind, and spirit. Give to all who care for them tender hearts, gentle hands, compassionate service, and loving encouragement. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for fulfilling all your promises to those who have died trusting in you. Be the rock and salvation of all whose grief runs deep. Give them courage and hope. Make us gentle and tender-hearted with one another. Help us to forgive when the other sins, and to repent when we are wrong. When one stumbles, help the rest of us to support,

guide, and encourage. Lead us safely through the evils and sorrows of this earthly life. Bring us into your Kingdom and into eternal fellowship with you and those whom you have redeemed through the merits of your beloved Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ▲ **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## **THE MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### ▼ **Offering and Presentation of the Gifts**

*October—December Mission Designation ~ Adopt-A-Family/Senior*

### ▼ **Offering Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,

**we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.**

**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.**

**Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ▼ **The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### ▼ **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

▼ **Invitation and Distribution of Communion**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.

## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAL BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

▼ **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace until He comes again.  
In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

▼ **Post Communion Prayer**

O God,  
**through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

▼ **Closing Hymn**

*"My Faith Looks Up To Thee", page 11*

▼ **Announcements**

*Anyone is welcome to make announcements at this time.*

▲ **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father and the † Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



# You Are My All In All

Words and Music by  
Dennis Jernigan

♩ = 80

## VERSE

D

A

Bm Bm<sup>7</sup>

F#m



1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I  
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your

3

Em<sup>7</sup>

D/A

A<sup>7</sup>

D

A<sup>7</sup>

D

A



seek. You are my all in all.  
name; You are my all in all.

Seek - ing You as a pre - cious  
When I fall down, You pick me

## CHORUS

6

Bm Bm<sup>7</sup>

F#m

Em<sup>7</sup>

D/A

A<sup>7</sup>

G/D

D

D

A



jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.  
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

Je - sus,

10

Bm Bm<sup>7</sup>

F#m

Em<sup>7</sup>

D/A

A<sup>7</sup>

D

A<sup>7</sup>



Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

13

D

A

Bm Bm<sup>7</sup>

F#m

Em<sup>7</sup>

D/A

A<sup>7</sup>

G/D

D



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

# In Christ Alone

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, — my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - cous -  
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ — in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and storm. What heights of  
-ness, scorned by the ones He came — to save. Till on that  
Day, up from the grave He rose — a - gain! And as He  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the  
-fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the  
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the  
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ — I stand.  
death of Christ — I live.  
pre - cious blood — of Christ.  
pow'r of Christ — I'll stand!

## My Faith Looks Up to Thee



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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## MORE SPECIAL WAYS TO GIVE THROUGH YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

Sunday Worship Lectors and Communion Assistants are needed

Service Assistant to advance projected bulletin slides

Maintenance chores around the facility

Christian Education Volunteers

## BETHANY WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am Worship, in the Great Room and Facebook Live-Stream/Video
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am Community Coffee in Great Room 9:00 am Cover Girls in Classroom
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am Women's Bible Study via ZOOM
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study in Great Room 10:00 am Bible Study in Conference Room

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